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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2005, the date for response to which having been extended to August 16, 2005, by the Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and associated Fee (filed together herewith), Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species A, drawn to a grain boundary material of Carbide, without traverse. All of the claims, claims 1-19, read on the elected species.

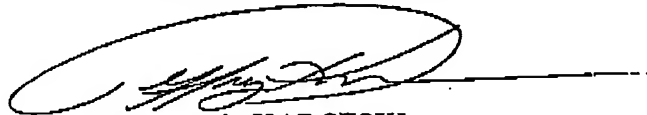
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